
PSYCHE.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., AUG.—SEPT. 1884.

Communications, exchanges and editors' copies should be addressed to EDITORS OF PSYCHE, Cambridge, Mass. Communications for publication in PSYCHE must be properly authenticated, and no anonymous articles will be published.

Editors and contributors are only responsible for the statements made in their own communications.

Works on subjects not related to entomology will not be reviewed in PSYCHE.

For rates of subscription and of advertising, see advertising column.

FRANCIS GREGORY SANBORN.

Born 18 Jan. 1838. at Andover, Mass.

Died 4 June 1884. at Providence, R. I.

Francis Gregory Sanborn was the son of Eastman and Mary C. L. (Gregory) Sanborn. His father died in 1859; his mother, to whom he was dutiful and affectionate, in 1883. Mr. Sanborn was a devoted and affable friend to his associates, a genius and a close observer. He used his talents often for the good of others, but little for his own worldly advancement. His interest in natural history was of early development, giving occasion for remark and record in his mother's journal when he was but little more than three years old. It was constant and absorbing, leading him to abandon opportunities for private gain, such as that of succeeding to his father's practice as a dentist, for which he had fitted himself and by which he might have prospered pecuniarily.

Mr. Sanborn was widely known to the entomologists of the eastern United States, and almost constantly engaged in the care or preparation of collections of insects or other objects of natural history belonging to public

institutions or private possessors. He was graduated at Phillips academy, in Andover, Mass., in 1858, after a six years' course of study interrupted at times on account of ill health. In October 1858 he found employment in the Massachusetts State cabinet of natural history at the state house in Boston, the collection in which, according to Governor N. P. Banks, he built up. Here he remained, with occasional vacations, until the summer of 1865, being also clerk to C. L. Flint, the secretary of the Massachusetts State board of agriculture. He was engaged in miscellaneous work in the museum of the Boston society of natural history in 1865 and 1866 and as regular assistant from 1867 to 1873, having particular care of the insects, also performing general duties, lecturing, and at times acting as secretary. In 1872 he was a justice of the peace and a member of the school committee in West Roxbury, Mass. At this time also he was instructor in entomology at the Bussey institution, in Jamaica Plain, and lecturer at the Museum of comparative zoology in Cambridge, but was soon afterwards affected with mental trouble which caused his seclusion, at private expense, for about seven months, at the state hospital in Worcester. Here he entered into relations with the Worcester society of natural history, of which he afterwards became curator, an office he held at the time of his death. In 1874 he was an assistant in the Kentucky state geological survey, under Professor N. S. Shaler. In 1876 he was engaged to prepare the entomological exhibit of the United States Department of agriculture for the Centennial exposition at Philadelphia.

He was a member of the American association for the advancement of science, Boston society of natural history, Cambridge entomological club, Essex institute, corresponding member of the American entomological society, Entomological society of Ontario, and New York entomological society, and member of other learned societies.

B: P. M.